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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION IN ADB

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1. WE DISCUSSED US POSITION ON CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION IN ADB WITH OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (ODM) OFFICIALS JUNE 17. IRVING HARRIS, HEAD SOUTH EAST ASIA DEPARTMENT, STATES THAT WITH MINOR QUALIFICATIONS UK WILL SUPPORT US POSITION AS OUTLINED PARA 3 REFTEL. HE AGREES THAT RESTRICTIONS ON US PARTICIPATION WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS RESULTING IN REDUCED PARTICIPATION BY OTHER DONORS.

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2. HARRIS AND SAM MOORE, ADB DESK OFFICER AT ODM,

THINK THAT ADB AS RESPONSIBLE BANKING INSTITUTION WOULD WANT, EVEN WITHOUT OUR PRODDING, TO ENSURE THAT CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE OBLIGATIONS AS ADB MEMBERS ARE FULLY MET BEFORE ADB CONSIDERS ANY NEW INITIATIVES. THEY ADD, HOWEVER, THAT ADB SHOULD PROBABLY INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING LOAN MONEY AS WELL AS OUTSTANDING CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. THIS WOULD NOT IMPLY ANY WILLINGNESS ON PART OF ADB TO RESUME DISBURSEMENTS OR NEW LENDING WITHOUT A THOROUGH REVIEW AND FULL ACCEPTANCE OF ADB CRITERIA BY CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM.

3. RALPH BAXTER, HEAD FAR EAST DEPARTMENT, ADDED THAT INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE POLICY EXTREMELY SKETCHY. HOWEVER, HE FORESEES THEIR FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN ADB. HE ADDED THAT ODM WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SMALL AMOUNT OF AID TO NGOS WORKING IN SOUTH AND WILL PROBABLY CONSIDER FAVORABLY DEVELOPING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF PROGRAMS ONCE RELATIONS ARE NORMALIZED. HE IS, HOWEVER, MORE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CAMBODIA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A "CLOSED SOCIETY." THEY ARE NOT MAKING ANY EFFORT TO MAKE OUTSIDE CONTACTS AND HE DOUBTS IF THEY WILL APPROACH ADB IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ODM OFFICIALS ASKED THAT WE KEEP THEM INFORMED OF /US POSITION ON REPLENISHMENT OF AD FUND AND CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES ON ADB. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH PERIODIC SITREPS ON US POLICY VIS-A-VIS FUND AND ADB.

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